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A Pocketful of Thanks

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THANKS . . .

. . . for your many wonderful letters about this column.

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. . . to **Simon & Garfunkel** for managing to stay on top and still write and record such tasteful songs.

. . . to **John Lennon** for awakening the fire of anger in the Christians of the world who had forgotten what it is like to defend a belief.

. . . to **The Mamas & Papas** for creating a new sound and not copying as so many in his business do.

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ON TOP WITH TASTEFUL SONGS
Song Makers Simon (Right) and Garfunkel

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it a hit in spite of very little airplay.

. . . to **John Sebastian** for wanting Houston to recognize its own **Lightnin' Hopkins** as the great artist he is before he does.

. . . to **Janis Ian** (whoever she is) for writing and singing one of the most beautiful records of the year, "Society's Child," which you've never heard in the South because of its racial theme.

. . . to Houston's recording studios, engineers, producers, songwriters and artists for building a local industry that will soon be big business.

. . . to all of the DJ's who

really care about young people.

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